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No.	*Year.*	*Place.*
1.	1868.	Topeka, Kan.
2.	1869.	April, Atchison, Kan. October, Kansas City, Mo.
3.	1870.	Lawrence, Kan.
4.	1871.	Grasshopper Falls, Kan.
5.	1872.	Monrovia, Kan.
6.	1873.	Kansas City, Mo.
7.	1874.	Abilene, Kan.
8.	1875.	Lawrence, Kan.
9.	1876.	Kansas City, Mo.
10.	1877.	Salina, Kan.
11.	1878.	Peabody, Kan.
12.	1879.	Abilene, Kan.
13.	1880.	Lawrence, Kan.
14.	1881.	Bunker Hill, Kan.
15.	1882.	Salina, Kan.
16.	1883.	Eureka, Kan.
17.	1884.	Topeka, Kan.
18.	1885.	Peabody, Kan.
19.	1886.	Waterville, Kan.

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1886-1887.

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WATERVILLE, KAN., OCT. 12, 1886, 7:30 P. M.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Kansas Synod met in the Lutheran Church of Waterville, Kan.

The annual sermon was preached by the President, Rev. M. F. Troxell, from Isaiah xl. 31, subject, "Humanity Uplifted."

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13, 1886, 9 A. M.

Synod was called to order, and after singing and reading of scriptures, was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. M. F. Troxell.

The clerical roll was called and absentees noted.

Letters of dismissal from other Synods were read as follows;

Revs. W. M. Sparr and J. G. Graichen, from the Iowa Synod.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, from Synod of West Pennsylvania.

Rev. P. S. Nellis, from Synod of Southern Illinois.

These brethren were received and their names enrolled.

Clerical Roll.

No.	Name.	Post Office.	Date of Licensure.
1.	Rev. Chas. Martin, M. D	St. Joseph, Mo	1835
2.	Rev. D. S. Altman (*a. e.*)	Ottawa, Kan	1845
3.	Rev. C. Young (*a. e.*)	Salina, Kan	1846
4.	Rev. J. Schauer	Bunker Hill, Kan	1848
5.	Rev. D. Harbaugh (*a. e.*)	Waterville, Kan	1849
6.	Rev. L. C. Groseclose (*a. e.*)	Eureka, Kan	1849
7.	Rev. F. R. Scherer	Waterville, Kan	1850
8.	Rev. S. Henry (*a. e*)	Independence, Kan	1850
9.	Rev. J. B. McAfee	Topeka, Kan	1854
10.	Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D. (*a. e.*)	2321 Clark Ave., St. Louis, Mo.	1854
11.	Rev. A. B. Kirtland	New Cambria, Kan	1857
12.	Rev. S. P. Harrington (*a. e.*)	Abilene, Kan	1857
13.	Rev. J. B. Corbet (*a. e.*)	Bunker Hill, Kan.	
14.	Rev. H. Acker (*a. e.*)	Annelly, Kan	1858
15.	Rev. Henry Heigard	Effingham, Kan	1858
16.	Rev. I. J. Delo	Lawrence, Kan	1858
17.	Rev. B. F. Hills	Banner City, Kan	1854
18.	Rev. A. M. Geiger	Valley Falls, Kan	1859
19.	Rev. W. M. Sparr	Eureka, Kan	1864
20.	Rev. A. J. Hesson (*a. e.*)	Peabody, Kan	1867
21.	Rev. A. J. Hartsock (*a. e.*)	McPherson, Kan	1867
22.	Rev. H. B. Belmer	Peabody, Kan	1867
23.	Rev. T. F. Dornblaser	Topeka, Kan	1871
24.	Rev. E. S. Rees	Sabetha, Kan	1871
25.	Rev. W. C. Seidel	Minneapolis, Kan	1872
26.	Rev. J. A. Bright	Abilene, Kan	1873
27.	Rev. D. Scholl	Wellsville, Kan	1859
28.	Rev. P. A. Heilman	Denver, Col.	1876
29.	Rev. J. A. Lowe	Waterville, Kan	1876
30.	Rev. Geo. Sanderson (*a. e.*)	Kansas City, Mo	1876
31.	Rev. J. M. Cromer	Kansas City, Mo.	1876
32.	Rev. Robert A. White (*o.*)	Oakland, Neb	1880
33.	Rev. R. F. Hassinger (*a. e.*)	Beaver Springs, Pa.	
34.	Rev. Geo. S. Diven	Atchison, Kan	1881
35.	Rev. J. E. Maurer	Hardy, Neb	1882
36.	Rev. M. F. Troxell	Kansas City, Mo	1882
37.	Rev. F. D. Altman	Emporia, Kan	1882
38.	Rev. J. G. Graichen	Hays City, Kan	1883
39.	Rev. N. A. Whitman	Chapman, Kan.	
40.	Rev. G. D. Gotwald	Salina, Kan.	1884
41.	Rev. M. F. Rinker (*o.*)	Greenleaf, Kan	1885
42.	Rev. H. L. Yarger (*o.*)	Ellsworth, Kan	1885
43.	Rev. P. S. Nellis (*a. e.*)	Dexter, Kan.	

(*a.*) Absent. (*a. e.*) Absent and excused. (*o.*) Ordained.

Credentials of lay delegates were received and their names enrolled.

Lay Delegates.

1. Abilene, Kansas, Dr. J. E. Herbst.
2. Bunker Hill, Kansas, M. Kessler.

3 Chapman, Kansas, R. Scherer.
4 Denver, Colorado, A. B. Middleswarth (*a. e.*)
5. East Norway, Kansas, John Hoverson.
6. Ellsworth, Kansas, W. E. Yarger.
7. Eureka, Kansas, J. M. Seidle.
8. Greenleaf, Kansas, Geo. M. Kindel.
9. Hardy, Nebraska, H. Garman.
10. Kansas City, (First) E. Stine.
11. Kansas City, (Memorial) E. P. Briggs.
12. Lawrence, Kansas, A. Fredericson.
13. Mt. Zion, Dickinson Co., Kansas, C. C. Seidel.
14. Minneapolis, Kansas, Dr. G. B. M. Free.
15. Nemaha County, Kansas, Lewis Kerl.
16. New Cambria, Kansas, Daniel Donmyer.
17. Peabody, Kansas, E. R. Worthington.
18. Salina, Kansas, John Johnson.
19. Topeka, Kansas, L. J. Webb.
20. Valley Falls, Kansas, Geo. W. Krotzer.
21. Waterville, Kansas, F. J. Faulkner.

President's Report.

Fathers and Brethren: By the goodness of our God we are enabled again to meet and greet each other in annual convention. We have come to this place to find here another cup of communion such as we tasted a year ago. We come to drink of the cup again, and to be refreshed. We come to review the past and to devise for the future. We come to bear each other's trials, and to share each other's triumphs. We come to examine into our ever-increasing opportunities and to give increased devotion and renewed consecration of our talents at God's altar-place.

Since last we met one name has been removed from our roll to be inscribed in the book of life eternal. It is a name that headed our list, and belonged to one who will be well remembered by our older brethren—to one who for more than fifty years served the Lord in the ministry of our church. In December last, Reuben R. Weiser, D. D., was gathered to his fathers in peace, like a shock of corn fully ripe. Your Memorial Committee will no doubt present a fit tribute to his memory.

Herewith is briefly submitted a report of the official acts of your presiding officer for the past year, with such other items as should be named herein.

RESIGNATIONS AND DISMISSALS.

December 9, 1885, a letter of dismissal was granted to Rev. H. M. Lentz, to the Synod of Iowa, in whose bounds he had accepted a charge.

February 25th, Rev. S. Henry informed me that he had resigned the Ottawa pastorate. His resignation took effect April 1st.

May 15th, Rev. J. P. Schnure notified me that he had resigned the Morrill charge on the 1st of April.

September 13th, a letter of dismissal to Rev. J. P. Schnure was granted, to the Allegheny Synod, he having accepted a call within its bounds.

August 14th, Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D., informed me that he had resigned the Abilene charge, to take effect October 15th.

INSTALLATION, CALLS ACCEPTED, LETTERS RECEIVED, ORDINATION.

December 13, 1885, Rev. G. D. Gotwald was publicly installed at Salina, by the President of Synod and Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

January 1st, Rev. J. Schauer took charge of the pastorate at Bunker Hill, having visited the charge in November previous.

December 27th, Rev. W. M. Sparr informed me that he had accepted a call to Eureka, taking charge December 1st. His letter of dismissal from the Iowa Synod was subsequently placed in my hands.

In January, licentiate Rev. M. F. Rinker visited Greenleaf, of which pastorate he took charge by accepting a call in March. The reports of his ministry are very encouraging.

February 24th, Rev. P. S. Nellis placed in my hands his letter of dismissal from the Synod of Southern Illinois. He asks membership in this body.

In March last, Rev. J. G. Graichen accepted a call to the Hays City church. He subsequently presented a letter of dismissal from the Synod of Iowa, and asks membership in this body.

In April, licentiate Rev. H. L. Yarger, of Gettysburg, Pa., visited Ellsworth, canvassed the field, reported favorably, and accepted a call, entering upon the work August 1st. He re-organized the field, with twenty members at Ellsworth. September 23d, he placed in my hands his letter of dismissal from the West Pennsylvania Synod, and applied for membership and also ordination at the hands of this body. He was referred to the Examining Committee.

Licentiate Rev. Robert A. White having completed his course of study in June last, accepted a call from a neighboring synod, and will present himself as a candidate for ordination at your hands during this convention.

NEW CHURCHES AND IMPROVEMENTS.

November 8th last, the chapel of the Children's Memorial Mission of Kansas City was opened and dedicated. Three sermons were preached during dedication day by the brethren Revs. Barnitz, Clutz, and Waltz. The chapel is built of brick, so constructed as to become a communicating part of the main auditorium when that shall be built, has a seating capacity of over two hundred, and cost completed and furnished, $3,000. The ground cost $3,000 additional. The property is worth at present moderate valuation, $10,000.

March 21st, St Paul's church of Denver, the Woman's Memorial, was dedicated, Rev. Dr. Conrad, of Philadelphia, preaching the sermons, while the Western Secretary of the Home Board and the President of Synod were present, assisting in the services. The pastor of this church, Rev. P. A. Heilman, should be warmly congratulated upon having such a successful result from his trying, steady labors. The women are to be congratulated upon having this beautiful temple as another abiding memorial of their devotion to their Mas-

ter. The church cost, complete, about eleven thousand five hundred dollars. The ground cost six thousand additional.

March 28th, another St. Paul's was dedicated, in Minneapolis, Kansas. Rev. Dr. Conrad and Rev. S. B. Barnitz assisted the pastor, Rev. W. C. Seidel in the feast of dedication. This church is a monument to the energy, faith and zeal of the pastor and his wife. The structure is a Gothic frame church with tower, tastefully completed, and furnished at a cost, including the value of the lot, of over $3700. It was dedicated practically free from debt.

During the summer a church was built, and dedicated in September, at Long Island, upon our territory, principally through the zealous efforts of Rev. J. W. Kimmel, missionary in the Republican valley of Nebraska and Kansas.

In March last the First church of Kansas City, Rev. J. M. Cromer pastor, sold their old property and bought an eligible corner lot in another part of the city. The church has selected improved plans, and contemplates building both church and parsonage at an early day.

The church at Bunker Hill has been tastefully repaired and beautified inside, through the efforts of the pastor and his wife.

A handsome brick church at Valley Falls, Rev. A. M. Geiger pastor, is now enclosed, and waiting the finishing touches before its dedication at an early day. The structure will be the finest in the country, and it is hoped to dedicate free of debt.

The church at Salina has been improved by repairs, paint, and the hanging of a fine bell.

At Eureka, improvements and an addition have been made to the parsonage.

The brethren and pastors at Emporia and Atchison are making efforts to secure church buildings, which bid fair to succeed at an early day, Emporia having already adopted fine plans, and let the contract for the structure.

VACANCIES, SPECIAL SERVICES, AND NEW POINTS.

It is gratifying to be able to report only one vacancy among our living fields, that of Ottawa. Earnest efforts are being made to secure a pastor, and it is hoped that they will soon be successful. As to the two names upon our list concerning which the question was asked a year ago, "Are they living?" viz: Halstead and Americus, we have been able to hear not a word. We would respectfully ask the whole Synod for information concerning these very dry bones.

In accordance with the onerous duty placed upon your President, special services have been held by him or some one deputized by him at least once in three months in fields that have been vacant, viz: in Hays, Bunker Hill, Ellsworth, Greenleaf, and Ottawa. It is a pleasure to commend the brethren called upon to assist your presiding officer in this work for their cheerful readiness in answering the call to thus serve these vacant fields. As already noted, Ellsworth has been successfully reorganized during the year.

August 15th, a new church, St. Paul's, was organized at Keystone, Dick-

inson Co., under the pastoral care of Rev. N. A. Whitman, with 22 members. The membership has since increased to 32, and the congregation will make application for admission into the Synod during this Convention.

Long Island, organized with 12 members, as St. Paul's church, also applies for admission into this body. Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Nemaha Co., was organized July 4th, with 20 members, by Rev. E. S. Rees, and applies for admission into this body. Persistent efforts have been made towards organizing, or at least canvassing, in Solomon City, Independence, Wichita, Arkansas City and Wellington. The three last-named points *should be occupied soon*. Cannot Synod take some active step in this direction?

At Cedar Vale lots have been secured and an organization is now under way.

ITEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

With profound gratitude we note the liberality of our churches in answer to the special appeal of the Home Board last March. Kansas churches made quick response, and some of them stood high in the amount given.

At the same time we would remind the brethren of the pledges made by Synod to two special objects; one a church in New York, the other in our own borders at Emporia. These pledges should by all means be redeemed.

Three things we would recommend:

1 That there should be a special effort made by the proper agency to secure a fit man to care for our interests in the towns named herein; in Southern Kansas.

2. That there should be special effort made to seek out young men for the office of the ministry.

3. That the Synod of Kansas be divided by the Kansas River into two Conferences, of Northern and Southern Kansas, each of which may hold sessions annually between the Synodical Conventions.

And now it only remains for me to speak the closing word. Into your hands I entrust the office with which you have seen fit to honor me. For your confidence, your generosity, your kindly charity, your helpful support, I am grateful. As we together enter upon the work and the holy privileges of this Nineteenth Annual Convention of our Synod, let us be careful most of all to draw near the mercy seat and altar of earnest prayer. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works." Thus entering upon and passing through these days of meeting, we shall go down to our accustomed places, at the hour of parting, with hearts aglow, enkindled at God's altar.

Respectfully submitted, M. F. TROXELL.

Election of Officers.

Revs. Geo. D. Gotwald and J. G. Graichen were appointed tellers. The following was the result:

President—Rev. J. M. Cromer.
Secretary—Rev. F. D. Altman.
Treasurer—Dr. J. E. Herbst.

On motion, the hours of meeting and adjournment for this Convention of Synod were fixed as follows:

Devotional Services, 8:30 a. m.
Business Sessions, open 9 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Adjournments, 11:45 a. m. and 5 p. m.
Evening Service 7:30 p. m.
Adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. B. Belmer.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1886, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. M. Sparr.

Committees.

The President appointed the following committees:

No. 1. *President's Report*—Revs. P. A. Heilman, I. J. Delo, and Mr. E. P. Briggs.

No. 2. *Treasurer's Report*—Revs. Geo. S. Diven, D. Scholl, and Dr. J. E. Herbst.

No. 3. *Admission of Churches*—Revs. Chas. Martin, M. D., D. Schauer, and Robt. A. White.

No. 4. *Correspondence.*—Revs. I. J. Delo, J. E. Maurer, and M. F. Rinker.

No. 5. *Apportionment*—Revs. W. C. Seidel, J. G. Graichen, and Mr. E. Stine.

No. 6. *Leave of Absence*—Revs. H. B. Belmer, N. A. Whitman, and H. Garman.

No. 7. *Parochial Reports*—Revs. Geo. D. Gotwald, H. L. Yarger, and Dr. G. B. M. Free.

No. 8. *On Devotional Exercises*—Rev. J. A. Lowe, J. M. Cromer, and F. D. Altman.

No. 9. *On Resolutions*—Revs. A. M. Geiger, W. M. Sparr, and Capt. L. J. Webb.

No. 10. *Literature*—Rev. M. F. Troxell, B. F. Hills, E. S. Rees.

No. 11. *Vacant Churches*—Revs. T. F. Dornblaser, H. B. Belmer, and Mr. A. Fredricson.

No. 12. *Minutes of Last Meeting*—Rev. J. B. McAfee, Mr. John Hoverson, and Mr. M. Kessler.

No. 13. *Synodical Calendar*—Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, Mr. C. C. Seidel, and Mr. E. R. Worthington.

No. 14. *State of Religion*—Rev. Geo. S. Diven, John Johnson, and Geo. W. Kindel.

Special Committees.

No. 1. *On Death of Dr. Weiser*—Revs. J. B. McAfee, P. A. Heilman, and J. Schauer.

No. 2. *To Revise Clerical Roll*—Revs. J. B. McAfee, W. C. Seidel, and T. F. Dornblaser.

No. 3. *Committee on Conferences*—(*a*) *Northern*—Revs. A. M. Geiger and Geo. D. Gotwald.

(*b*) *Southern*—Rev. W. M. Sparr and T. F. Dornblaser.

No. 4. *On Parochial Reports for Next Year*—Revs. Geo. D. Gotwald, F. D. Altman, and H. L. Yarger.

No. 5. *On Coöperation with Emigrant Society*—Revs. M. F. Troxell, W. C. Seidel, and Geo. S. Diven.

No. 6. *On Securing Church Lots*—Rev. J. M. Cromer, H. B. Belmer, and H. L. Yarger.

American Bible Society.

Rev. S. D. Storrs, State Agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced to Synod and spoke briefly and encouragingly of the work in this State.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with very great pleasure of the progress of the work of the American Bible Society through Rev. S. D. Storrs, in scattering the word in the State of Kansas, with which mission we are in most hearty sympathy, and co-operate cheerfully with them in their blessed work.

Parochial reports and Reports on the State of Religion were read and referred to the proper committees.

Revs. J. G. Grönmiller, of Nebraska Synod, and James H.

Green, of the M. E. Church of Waterville, Kansas, were introduced to the Synod and invited to take seats as corresponding members.

A letter sent by Rev. S. P. Harrington, containing $2, contributed by Ottawa Mission was reported, and on motion, the amount was placed to their credit on Synodical Treasury.

On motion, the order of the evening service was set aside, and Rev. P. A. Heilman was invited to preach a gospel sermon.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. B. McAfee.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1886, 9 A. M.

Devotional service led by Rev. W. C. Seidel, after which Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Cromer.

Verbal reports were given by lay delegates.

On motion, the following were appointed special reporters for the press:

Rev. M. F. Troxell, Kansas City *Journal.*
Rev. Geo. D. Gotwald, *Associated Press.*
Rev. Geo. S. Diven, Atchison *Champion.*
Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, Topeka *Capital.*
Rev. J. A. Bright, Abilene *Gazette.*
Rev. P. Heilman, *Lutheran Evangelist.*
Rev. H. B. Belmer, *Lutheran Observer.*

Report of Committee No. 3—Admission of Churches.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

No. 1, is an application signed by the pastor and lay delegate of the English Evangelical Lutheran church of Ellsworth, Kansas. The application certifies that the congregation has adopted the constitution recommended by the Board of Home Missions, and prays to be received into Synodical connection with us. We recommend its reception into Synod.

No. 2, is an application by Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church of Nemaha county, Kansas. This application is signed by the pastor, Rev. Rees and the members of the church. They state that they have adopted the constitution recommended by the Kansas Synod. We recommend its reception.

No. 3, is an application by St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church of

Long Island, Kansas. It has adopted a constitution for the orthodoxy of which Rev. J. W. Kimmel vouches, and which requires that the congregation be connected with the Kansas Synod. We recommend its reception. We recommend that the letter by Brother Kimmel be read to Synod.

No. 4, is an application of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Keystone, Dickinson county, Kansas. The congregation was organized on the 15th of August, 1886, by Rev. N. A. Whitman. It has adopted the constitution recommended by the General Synod as found in the hymn book.

They elected a commissioner to represent them at this Synod, and present a copy of their constitution for our approval. Rev. Whitman says they are solid Lutherans, and as their pastor he desires their reception. We recommend their reception. Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. MARTIN,
J. SCHAUER,
R. A. WHITE.

Home Missions.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of Home Missions, was afforded an opportunity to present the cause of Home Missions.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the address of the Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, replete with enlightenment and encouragement regarding the work of the Board, has been heard with pleasure and profit.

Resolved, Also, that the Board be urgently requested to arrange for a visitation of Ottawa, Wichita, and Arkansas City at an early day, by the Western Secretary or one of the Board's representatives.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Robert A. White.

FOURTH SESSION.

OCTOBER 14, 1886, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Seidel.

Minutes read and approved.

Resolved, That this Synod adjourn at the hour of 2:30 p. m., to attend the convention of the W. H. and F. M. S. now in session, and immediately send a messenger extending the greetings of this body, and requesting them to adjourn and repair to the Lutheran church at the hour of 2:30 p. m.

Adopted.

Rev. J. A. Lowe was appointed messenger.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of Revs. J. B. McAfee, P. A. Heilman, and J. Schauer, be appointed to present a memorial paper relative to the death of Dr. R. Weiser, of Denver, Col.

Adopted.

Closed with prayer by Rev. H. L. Yarger.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1886, 9 A. M.

Synod, after half hour's devotional service, conducted by Rev. F. D. Altman, was opened with prayer by Rev. J. G. Grönmiller.

Report of Committee No. 1—On President's Report.

The paper placed in the hands of your Committee is the President's Report, a paper that for precision, amount of work done, and encouraging results, cannot be excelled.

The report of our ex-President shows faithful labor and results that are most gratifying to all, and call for devout thanksgiving to our God and gratitude to our brother, whose labor has been even beyond his strength.

The items in the report claiming the attention of Synod are the following:

Item 1. The President mentions Solomon City, Independence, Wichita, Arkansas City, and Wellington, and asks: "Cannot Synod take some active steps to occupy these important and growing points?" Concerning these, your Committee recommend that it be made the duty of the President to visit these five cities in person or by proxy, and other promising points and vacancies at least once every three months, preach, and if expedient administer the sacraments and lift collections for benevolence, his expenses to be paid by the Synod.

Item 2. Concerning the pledge made for Emporia at Eureka, we report the following special subscriptions to be paid within thirty days:

Kansas City (Memorial)	$20 00	
Kansas City (First)	25 00	
W. C. Seidel	5 00	Pd.
Denver, Col	10 00	
E. R. Worthington	5 00	Pd.
J. E. Maurer	5 00	
E. S. Rees (Zion)	10 00	
Valley Falls	5 00	Pd.
Dr. Chas. Martin	10 00	
Rev. Geo. D. Gotwald	25 00	

Abilene	25 00	
Lawrence	13 00	
Hardy, Neb	5 00	
J. G. Graichen	5 00	
Peabody	25 00	
H. L. Yarger	5 00	
Topeka	30 00	Pd.
Eureka	25 00	
J. N. Lenker	5 00	
Rev. H. Heigard	5 00	Pd.
Greenleaf	10 00	
Chapman	5 00	
A. B. Kirtland	5 00	Pd.
Waterville	10 00	
Cash	10 00	Pd.
J. A. Bright	5 00	
A. Fredericson	5 00	Pd.
Dr. J. E. Herbst	5 00	Pd.
J. B. McAfee	5 00	Pd.
Dr. J. E. Tressler	5 00	
B. F. Hills	5 00	
E. Stine	5 00	Pd.
Atchison	10 00	
R. A. White	5 00	
Excess of Church Extension	86 00	
	$439 00	

Previous Subscriptions.

Abilene	$50 00	Pd.	
Peabody	37 55	Pd.	
Annelly	7 66	Pd.	
Waterville	10 00	Pd.	
Geo. D. Gotwald and wife	25 00	Pd.	
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			$569 21

Item 3. We would call especial attention to the second recommendation of the report, concerning the seeking out of young men for the ministry, and would urge parents to consecrate their boys in infancy to the holy office, as did pious Hannah of old. Also that men who are spiritually qualified, even if somewhat advanced in life, irrespective of domestic ties, be encouraged to study for the ministry.

Item 4. Concerning the division of Synod into Northern and Southern Conferences by the Kansas river, your Committee endorse the recommendation. (This was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Sparr, Seidel and Dornblaser, who subsequently made the same report, which was adopted.)

Respectfully submitted, P. A. HEILMAN,
I. J. DELO.

Rev. J. N. Lenker, representing the Board of Church Extension, was introduced and received as an advisory member.

Report of Committee No. 8—Devotional Service.

(See close of Minutes—Sermons and Addresses.)

Report of Committee No. 12—On Minutes of Last Meeting.

Report offered and considered item by item.

Item 1. Pages 18 and 19. Has the Synod fulfilled its pledge to Emporia?

Ans. It has provided for its fulfillment. See report on President's Report, under item 2.

Item 2. Page 25. What action will Synod take on this resolution?

Ans. On motion it was made the first order for the afternoon.

Item 3. Page 27. Has Synod furnished sufficient support to meet the wants of this beneficiary?

Ans. No application.

Item 4. Page 28. Has the President visited these places as recommended?

Ans. See President's Report.

Item 5. Page 29. Has Bro. Hesson visited these points and reported?

Ans. No.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. McAFEE,
JOHN HOVERSON,
M. KESSLER.

On motion, Beneficiary Education was placed upon an equality with the Church Boards on Apportionment.

On motion, an aportionment of five cents each per member was made for Orphans' Home and Pastors' Fund.

Report of Committee No. 14—On State of Religion.

These reports which Synod has heard, indicate a *healthy spiritual life* in our churches, and a *marked advance* over the condition reported for the two years preceding. Whether the highest style of Christian life exists may indeed be questioned. In this great work-a-day western country, the "serene heights" of contemplative goodness are less apt to be enjoyed than the more cumbrous world side of our religion, which is not content with the but "one thing needful." Still the tree is to be judged by its *fruits*, and pure and undefiled religion in the Divine Word is declared to be tested by the disposition there is in it to *minister* unto the wants of men, whether those wants be spiritual or temporal. By this test there is a *great deal* of pure and undefiled religion in the Kansas Synod. The pocket-book has been reached, which may justly be considered the "*ultima Thule*," which when finally reached, there remains "nothing beyond!" Our religion having permeated the *whole man*, fetches up at last in the pocket. Our contributions have been more than our apportionment. There should be a greater number of prayer-meetings in the Synod. The time-honored custom of catechisation, judging from these reports, does not receive the attention its history warrants and its importance as a method of induction into the church demands.

Some special religious quickening is reported. An increased interest in Sunday-school work is "manifested." From the tenor of the reports, one would suppose there exists more of a disposition to desire than to receive blessings from God. As God's treasures of grace are unlimited and freely opened to us "above our thoughts," even it would perhaps be better by faith to "go in and possess." Instead of saying, "we want more," as one brother does, let us just "take all," according to our needs. My God shall supply *all* thy needs.

Yet one thing, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God," and "God will be sanctified in the sight of all nations." A more cordial recognition of God in all our efforts and successes, would enable God to give us more and more. "Him that honoreth me I will honor." May it not be said of this Synod: "There are not found that returned to give glory to God save this stranger."

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. DIVEN,
JOHN JOHNSON,
GEO. M. KINDEL.

Report of Committee No. 2.

Your Committee to whom was referred the auditing of the Treasurer's statement, report that they have examined the record of receipts and disbursements, and find the same to be correct and in accordance with the accompanying vouchers.

GEO. S. DIVEN,
J. E. HERBST,
D. SCHOLL.

Report of Trustees of Tressler Orphans' Home.

Your Trustees of the Tressler Orphans' Home, hereby report that its Chairman visited the "Home," and had the pleasure of meeting with the Board of its Trustees, which convened in the building of the Home at Loysville, June 3d, 1886.

The greeting and good-will which your trustee bore to them from this Synod was very cordially reciprocated. The presence of a delegate representing this Synod, and our contribution (although small), was proof of our interest in the Home and its work. The meeting of the Board was harmonious and satisfactory. All parts of the building and premises were examined, and the condition and care bestowed upon the children carefully investigated by the Board, and found to be all that could be expected with the facilities and means at hand. The annual report of the Treasurer of the Home showed the indebtedness reduced to a nearly nominal figure, notwithstanding the recent completion of the large and substantial addition to the main building of the Home; and the Superintendent's report was encouraging and gratifying.

In brief, the "Home" is such not only in *name* to the 150 orphans there sheltered and provided for, but is such in truth, as the best efforts of those more immediately in charge of the Home are constantly being put forth to culture the children mentally not only, but morally and spiritually as well. That they may be able more and more successfully to "train up" these children "in the way they should go," they need, and ask, the hearty sympathy

and co-operation of all the Synods uniting in the support of the Home. It is our duty, and should be our pleasure likewise, to give liberally, both of our means and our prayers, to this, one of the most worthy and deserving of the charities of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. TRESSLER,
H. B. BELMER,
Trustees.

Report of Committee No. 4—On Correspondence.

The documents placed into hands of your Committee are:

1. Letters from the following brethren, members of Synod, asking to be excused for non-attendance, viz.: Revs. S. Henry, A. J. Hartsock, D. Harbaugh, C. Young, D. S. Altman, H. Acker, P. S. Nellis, L. C. Groseclose, G. A. Bowers, G. Sanderson, S. P. Harrington and R. F. Hassinger.

2. Communication from Rev. J. C. Zimmerman, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and one through the Western Secretary.

3. Parochial reports from Revs. Acker and Altman.

4. A money order of five dollars from Rev. Altman, and one for one dollar from Rev. P. S. Nellis. Also a five-dollar check from Rev. Hartsock, and two dollars cash from Rev. Groseclose, and two dollars cash for Home Missions from Rev. R. F. Hassinger.

Your Committee recommend:

1. That the request of the brethren for excuse be granted.

2. That the letters of Secretary Clutz and Rev. Hartsock, so far as they refer to Bethany College, be read before Synod.

3. That Synod express especial sympathy for Fathers Young and Harbaugh in their afflictions.

4. That we earnestly commend the cause of Church Extension to all of our churches and missions for their most cheerful support. And that the *Missionary Journal* is especially recommended to all our people as a medium of information on the mission work of the Church, and that we, as ministers, endeavor to place a copy in every home of our congregations.

5. The letter from the Western Secretary, containing a proposal from a business layman in New York, looking toward a systematic plan for the insurance of church buildings through an "Insurance Board, or some other plan for mutual protection in case of loss, thereby saving thousands of dollars annually to the Church."

We therefore recommend that a committee be appointed by Synod, to be known as the Insurance Board, consisting of three persons, who shall hold this in advisement, conferring with the Western Secretary, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, and report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

I. J. DELO.
J. E. MAURER.
M. F. RINKER.

Adjourned to meet in Ministerium.

SIXTH SESSION.

OCTOBER 15, 1886, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. D. Scholl.

The Constitution, as reported by the Committee on Revision of Constitution of Synod, was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the Committee on Constitution was continued for another year to prepare By-laws and report to Synod. The name of Rev. J. B. McAfee was added to the Committee.

Dr. Humble, State Agent of American Sunday-school Union, was introduced to the Synod, received as corresponding member, and given an opportunity to present briefly his work in the State.

Report of Committee No. 11—On Vacant Congregations.

Your Committee find but very few organized congregations now vacant within the bounds of the Kansas Synod.

The first point to which our attention is specially directed by the President is that of Ottawa, the county seat of Franklin county, Kansas.

Since the resignation of Rev. S. Henry, more than six months ago, the church has been partially supplied with preaching by the President and other members of this Synod.

On last Sabbath, October 12, 1886, Rev. S. P. Harrington visited this people, preaching for them on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, at the close of which service he administered the Lord's Supper to twenty-five communicants. He received one young lady into church fellowship by the rite of confirmation.

This congregation is composed of German and English-speaking members, of town and country people, and consequently their ecclesiastical relationship has not been as harmonious as might be desired.

The first and prime cause of the disturbance has been a division of opinion with reference to the location of the church building. The German element, which is mostly in the country, predominates, and favored the location in the western suburbs of Ottawa. The majority prevailed over the protests of a small minority. A neat little chapel was built, and tastefully and comfortably furnished.

It will be generally conceded, we think, that a mistake has been made with reference to the location, but this ought not be allowed to defeat the whole enterprise, The town of Ottawa has a most promising future, and it is too important a point to be surrendered by our Church.

Your Committee would recommend the following:

(1) That the brethren at Ottawa be admonished by the President of Synod

to harmonize their differences in the spirit of the Master, and to seek first the good of the Church and the glory of God.

(2) That the President of Synod and the Western Secretary be instructed to visit the brethren at Ottawa, to arrange for them, if possible, a regular supply of preaching, and that they urge upon the Board of Home Missions the necessity of locating a suitable man in that field immediately.

The St. Paul's congregation of Long Island, Kansas, which has been received at this meeting of Synod, is without a stated pastor.

Rev. J. W. Kimmel, of Nebraska, calls our special attention to this field in a letter addressed to this Synod. He says:

"Permit me to recommend that some action be taken to get a pastor at once for the Oberlin branch of the B. and M. R. R., in Kansas. Long Island is organized and has a neat church building on a centrally located lot 50x144 feet. Can raise for an active, energetic pastor with ordinary ability, at least $150 a year.

"Almena, Norton county, Kansas, a town of 400 inhabitants, has one small church building costing $550, of the United Brethren denomination. We have thirteen families of Lutherans within a radius of five miles, one-half Norwegian, one-fourth Danes, balance Americanized Germans. All can understand English except the heads of three Norwegian families. I think English would succeed and we could build at once. The town wants another church than the U. B., congregational in form of government.

"Norton, county seat, is a good town; some Lutherans near town.

"Oberlin is the terminus of the railroad, and a live town of ten or twelve hundred people, and two churches, and needs attention, as the country near, has many Swedish Lutherans.

"What to do? The Board of Home Missions insist that they can make no appropriation for the field this fall. The field will lose much if not occupied by a resident pastor this fall. If you have a young man who could go on at once, I am sure the field would pay $300 within the first year. If he is married, they would probably furnish a house besides. At any rate, if you have a man in reach, send him if possible. May be the Synod by extra effort could supplement the contributions of the field to some extent. It is yours: do as seemeth best. I will continue as in the past until better arrangements are made, although the balance of my large field suffers much. In Philips, Norton, Rawlins, Thomas, Cheyenne, and Sherman counties, we ought to have *six* men *now*. Occupy! Occupy!

"Please report to me your action, and may God bless you all in the work of the Synod. Yours truly, J. W. KIMMEL.

"*McCook, Nebraska.*"

Your Committee recommend:

1. That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to Bro. Kimmel for the deep interest he has manifested in the scattered Lutherans in the territory of Kansas, and that he be urged to supply the points named in his letter, until a suitable man be sent into that field.

2. That we regard with special interest this new field, and that we urge upon Lutheran ministers who may be seeking homes for their families, and wishing themselves, to engage in missionary work upon a small salary, that they locate among these scattered Lutherans in northwestern Kansas, and supply them with the preaching of the Word.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. DORNBLASER,
H. B. BELMER,
A. FREDERICKSON.

Adopted item by item.

Report of Committee No. 5—On Apportionment.

Report was read and approved.

Report of Committee No. 9—On Resolutions.

WHEREAS, The temperance question is one of the great pressing questions of to day; therefore

Resolved, That we continue to place ourselves on record against any form of license.

Resolved, That prohibition of the liquor traffic is the one basis for the correct development of a temperance sentiment.

WHEREAS, We are convinced of sad and evil effects of the habitual use of tobacco; therefore,

Resolved, We urge it as a duty for all persons to refrain from its use.

Resolved, That this Synod as heretofore offers its earnest protest against the desecration of the Lord's day, and counsels our churches more and more to "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy."

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. GEIGER,
W. M. SPARR.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to revise the clerical roll: Revs. J. B. McAfee, W. C. Seidel, and T. F. Dornblaser.

Time and Place of Next Convention of Synod.

Place, Abilene, Kansas.

Time, Tuesday evening preceding full moon in October, 1887.

Delegates to General Synod.

Revs. Bright and Graichen were appointed tellers, and the election resulted as follows:

CLERICAL DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.
Rev. J. M. Cromer.	Rev. W. M. Sparr.
Rev. H. B. Belmer.	Rev. A. M. Geiger.
Rev. P. A. Heilman.	Rev. G. D. Gotwald,
Rev. G. S. Diven.	Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.
Rev. F. D. Altman.	Rev. I. J. Delo.

LAY DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.
Dr. J. E. Herbst, Abilene, Kans.	Frank Faulkner, Waterville, Kans.
Geo. W. Crotzer, Valley Falls, Kans.	H. L. Lark, Peabody, Kans.
Henry Schell, Kansas City, Mo.	I. L. Fleck, Bunker Hill, Kans.
J. M. Seidel, Eureka, Kans.	H. Eyler, Bunker Hill, Kans.
L. J. Webb, Topeka, Kans.	A. L. Selig, Lawrence, Kans.

On motion, it was resolved that this Synod refuse no worthy applicant on its beneficiary funds.

Closed with prayer by Mr. J. M. Seidel.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 1886, 9 A. M.

Half-hour devotional service led by Rev. D. Scholl.

Synod opened with repeating the Apostles' Creed by the members, and prayer by Rev. A. M. Geiger.

On motion, the ladies were granted sufficient space in the Minutes of Synod in which to print their proceedings.

Rev. J. G. Groenmiller presented the German interests of the Lutheran Church in Kansas.

On motion, the paper concerning Bethany College was referred to the Board of Education, to be brought to their attention by Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

Resolution on Ministers' Insurance League.

Resolved, That regarding the Lutheran Ministers' Insurance League as successfully meeting its corporate object, which is the exercise of mutual benevolence and the mutual insurance of relief to the families of its deceased members, we endorse the League as worthy of our membership and assistance.

Resolutions on General Synod Parochial Blank.

1. *Resolved*, That our delegates to General Synod be and herewith are instructed to request the General Synod to insert a column in the parochial report for "Irregular Removals," because as the column now stands it misrepresents the facts, for irregular removals cannot be counted as "excommunicated."

2. *Resolved*, That General Synod order a column in which to report "Non-Resident Members."

3. *Resolved*, That they order a column in which to report "Catechumens."
4. *Resolved*, Also a column in which to report "Amount Apportioned."
5. *Resolved*, Also a column in which to report "Amount Deficit."
6. *Resolved*, Also a column in which to report amount in "Excess."
7. *Resolved*, Also a column in which to report number of church papers and *Missionary Journals* taken in the pastorate

W. C. SEIDEL,

Synod closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Martin.

EIGHTH SESSION.

OCTOBER 16, 1886, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. M. F. Troxell.

Report of Committee No. 13—On Synodical Calendar.

(See Speakers for Next Meeting and Standing Committees.)

Report of Committee No. 10—On Literature.

The Committee on Literature have in their hands information to the effect that there is almost universal use among our churches and Sunday-schools of the publications of our own Board of Publication.

We also have Dr. Conrad's Catechism, Dr. Rhodes' "Vital Questions," and numerous tracts and periodicals. We would move the following:

Resolved, That we heartily recommend to our people the publications of the Lutheran Publication House, especially the "Augsburg Songs," and the "Augsburg Lesson Helps," so well adapted to the needs of our Sunday-schools.

Resolved, That in order to the wider influence of our own literature among the young, and feeling the necessity of a more frequent edition of a Sunday-school paper, we would most respectfully urge through our delegates to the General Synod that the *Sunday-school Herald* be made at least a semi monthly periodical.

Resolved, That we recommend to the conferences or congregations of Synod that they select and recommend to the Publication Board one or more persons suited to introduce and sell the books of our own House.

Resolved, That we receive with special thanks the excellent Catechism of Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad, and that while commending it for its purity of doctrine, sound scripturalness, and completeness of parts, we also commend its use to our pastors and to all catechists.

Resolved, That we recommend the latest book of Rev. Dr. M. Rhodes, "Vital Questions," for very general circulation.

Resolved, That we hail with joy the increasing circulation of the *Missionary Journal*, and that we again commend it with the strongest terms of praise to all parts of the church as the monthly monitor and evangel of missionary intelligence and of the missionary cause.

Resolved, That we commend the earnest and successful efforts of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to make and circulate a literature of manuals, tracts and leaflets for the greater efficiency and enlarging work of the whole church at home and abroad.

Resolved, That we earnestly and affectionately recommend to every family within the bounds of our Synod that at least one weekly paper of our own denominational household be subscribed for and read.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. TROXELL,
B. F. HILLS,
E. S. REES,
Committee.

Report of Committee No. 7, on Parochial Reports, was read and adopted.

Report of Special Committee No. 1—On Death of Dr. R. Weiser.

Dear Brethren: Once more we are called upon to record the death of one of our members, Rev. R. Weiser, D. D. Since our last convention our ranks have been depleted by one, and in the wisdom of our Heavenly Father it was the ripest in age, who has long been a veteran in the cause, and whose name has been widely known throughout the Church.

It is only becoming that as a Synod of which Dr. Weiser was so long a member we place on record our appreciation of our venerable brother who has now entered upon his reward. Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. Weiser this Synod has lost a valuable member, a wise counsellor, and an earnest and faithful minister of Christ.

J. B. McAFEE,
J. SCHAUER.

Special Committee on Parochial Reports.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed, to the chairman of which all the pastors and congregations of this Synod must send their parochial reports on or within three days after the first of October of each year. This committee shall meet one day before the appointed day of Synod, arrange and complete parochial report, and be ready to report to Synod.

Committee appointed: Rev. Geo. D. Gotwald, Rev. F. D. Altman, and Rev. H. L. Yarger.

Report of Special Committee No. 2—On Revision of Clerical Roll.

Your Committee would report as follows:

Rev. R. Weiser removed by death; Rev. H. M. Lentz removed from Synod; Rev. J. P. Schnure removed from Synod.

We recommend that the names of Rev. W. I. Cutter, of Atchison, Kansas and Rev. J. E. Keplinger, of Colorado, be dropped from the roll of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. McAFEE,
T. F. DORNBLASER.

Report of Special Committee No. 3.—On Conferences.

Your Committee on the Division of the Synod into Conferences offer the following:

Resolved, That the Kansas river be the dividing line for the forming of the Northern and Southern Conferences.

Resolved, That the President of Synod appoint a committee of two from the bounds of each Conference, who shall arrange for the first meeting.

W. M. SPARR,
T. F. DORNBLASER,
W. C. SEIDEL.

Revs. W. M. Sparr and T. F. Dornblaser were appointed to arrange for the meeting of the Southern Conference, and Revs. A. M. Geiger and Geo. D. Gotwald for the Northern Conference.

Report of Committee No. 6.—On Leave of Absence.

Your Committee on Excuses and Leave of Absence would report:

1. Requests to be excused for absence from Rev. Dr. Bowers and Revs. L. C. Groseclose, Geo. Sanderson and D. Harbaugh, on account of ill health and uncontrollable circumstances. We recommend their excuse, with the offer of our Christian sympathy and prayer.

2. Requests for excuse for absence from Revs. S. Henry and S. P. Harrington, A. J. Hesson, and J. B. Corbett, on account of reasons that seemed sufficient to the Committee, and we recommend their excuse.

3. The following brethren were given leave of absence: Revs. N. A. Whitman, B. F. Hills, E. S. Rees, Bros. Stine, Fredrickson, Yarger, Garman, Kerl and Seidel. Respectfully submitted,

H. B. BELMER,
J. B. McAFEE,
HENRY GARMAN.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education, $200 was granted for the ensuing year to Mr. S. C. Chatham, to aid him in pursuing his studies as a beneficiary student of Kansas Synod.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed in sending out paro-

chial blanks, to request the pastors and congregations to send their parochial reports to the Chairman of Parochial Committee by October 1 of each year.

Rev. J. N. Lenker presented the claims of Church Extension, after which the following action was taken:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure, the representative of the Board of Church Extension, Rev. J. N. Lenker, and that we commend him and the cause he represents to the Lutheran people within the bounds of our Synod.

The following was presented and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be extended to the pastor, officers, and members of the congregation of Waterville, and to the citizens of the community who have so cheerfully welcomed and so royally entertained the delegates and visitors to this Convention.

Resolved, That the memories of our mutual association will be among the helpful and fragrant experiences of our lives, and that we pray upon the good people of Waterville the love and grace and blessings of our heavenly Father.

Resolved, That these resolutions be read and our thanks be personally extended to the congregation by the President of Synod at the close of the Sabbath evening services.

Closed with prayer by Mr. C. C. Seidel.

NINTH SESSION.

Oct. 16, 1886, 9 P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. M. F. Rinker.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to co-operate with the Emigrant Society—Revs. M. F. Troxell, W. C. Seidel, and Geo. S. Diven.

A committee of three was appointed, of which the President is to be Chairman, to co-operate with Rev. J. N. Lenker in securing church lots in Kansas, and in raising funds to further this special work.

Committee: Revs. J. M. Cromer, H. B. Belmer, and H. L. Yarger.

Secretary was ordered to have printed 1000 copies of the Minutes, and distribute them to the pastorates according to membership, sending 50 copies to Rev. J. N. Lenker, for his work in the bounds of Kansas Synod.

Barnes and Waterville.

The congregation at Barnes, Kansas, having been severed from the Waterville pastorate during the past year and connected with the Greenleaf pastorate, Synod is requested by these pastorates to recognize the new division of these fields.

J. A. LOWE,
M. F. RINKER.
Pastors.

Adopted.

Rev. Robert A. White made some very appropriate remarks, extending his heartfelt thanks for the encouragement and substantial aid rendered him by the Kansas Synod during his preparation for the ministry.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. S. Rees.

TENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, OCT. 18, 1886, 9 A. M.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Geo. S. Diven.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. A. B. Kirtland.

Proposed Amendment to Constitution.

That the lay delegates of Synod shall have the privilege of seats in the Ministerium, but shall have no vote on questions of ordination and orthodoxy.

H. B. BELMER.

Report of Trustees of Carthage College.

Your Trustees to Carthage College beg leave to report that at the last session of the Board of Trustees, held in Carthage, Ill., one of us was regularly qualified, and attended all the meetings of the Board.

The most important question which came up for consideration was that of the legal ownership of the property of the College. After canvassing the matter as thoroughly as possible, the decision was finally reached that the church could claim nothing not provided for in the original contracts made between the citizens of Carthage and the representatives of the church. The property belongs to the Lutheran Church so long as said church continues in it a school of the character of a first-class college.

The President of the College, Rev. E. F. Bartholomew, rendered a report of the workings of the institution during the year which had just closed. The report showed that excellent work had been done, notwithstanding the lack of teaching force. The number of students in attendance was something less than a hundred, but the deportment and scholarship were very satisfactory.

Your Committee of Trustees recommend Carthage College to the churches of our Synod, and urge that all do what they can to send students, and to build up the institution. We need an institution in Illinois, and so long as we have nothing in the shape of an institution west of Illinois, it is our duty to do for it what we can.

Rev. Bartholomew has a good and faithful corps of teachers, and with proper encouragement will make the College a success.

We commend the College to the good will and patronage of all of our people.

J. M. CROMER,
T. F. DORNBLASER.

Resolutions for Aid to Banner City Pastorate.

Resolved, That the Advisory Board be instructed to recommend the Banner City congregation to the favorable consideration of the Board of Church Extension to aid them:

1. By a loan of $300.
2. By a donation of all our excess on Church Extension.

Resolved, That the Advisory Board be instructed to recommend Rev. B. F. Hills to the favorable consideration of the Board of Home Missions for an appropriation of $100 a year.

W. C. SEIDEL.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the traveling expenses of the Trustees of this Synod to the meetings of the Board of Carthage College.

Atchison Mission.

WHEREAS, The mission at Atchison has made a noble effort to retrieve the fortunes of our church in that growing city of the West, and having now secured a beautiful location for a church building; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge upon the Board of Church Extension the necessity of taking speedy action with reference to the erection of a new church edifice; that the Secretary of the Board be requested to visit Atchison, and with the assistance of the pastor, secure as large a subscription for this purpose as possible on the ground, and that the Board be urged to supplement these pledges with a sufficient amount to erect such a building as will further the best interests of the mission.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend the church at Valley Falls to the Board of Church Extension for an additional loan of $300, towards completing their new church.

Resolved, That our delegation to the General Synod be instructed to memorialize the Synod with reference to the restoration of the office of Deaconess in our church, and that they are authorized to cast the vote of this Synod in favor of the restoration of such office.

Synod closed with prayer by Rev. J. M. Cromer; after which a devotional service of half an hour was held, conducted by Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

F. D. ALTMAN, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1886, 4 P. M.

Called according to adjournment of Synod.

Opened with prayer by Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your Committee would report that the following persons, viz.: Revs. Robert A. White, H. L. Yarger and M. F. Rinker, have applied for ordination to the Gospel ministry; and G. A. Fegley to receive license to preach for one year, upon which we have the following:

As we find, after a personal examination of these applicants for ordination, together with the evidence given in their sermons and journals presented to the Committee, that they possess the proper devotion of spirit, to the work, and the abilities which will make them successful workers in the Gospel ministry; therefore,

Resolved, That Revs. Robert A. White, H. L. Yarger and M. F. Rinker, be ordained by this Ministerium to the work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. GEIGER,
H. B. BELMER,
I. J. DELO.

Adopted.

Ministerium adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. B. Kirtland.

F. D. ALTMAN, *Secretary*.

Summarized Statement of the Treasurer's Report.

DR.

Received for Home Missions	$766 13
" Foreign Missions	536 60
" Church Extension	351 52
" Beneficiary Education	283 13
" Synodical Treasury	93 62
" General Synod Treasury	25 47
" Received of Orphans' Home	18 35
" Pastors' Fund Society	9 75
" Children's Foreign Missionary Society	5 50
Balance in Treasury at last report	38 91
	$2128 98

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Paid to Home Missions	$619 10
" Foreign Missions	451 55
" Church Extension	349 15
" Beneficiary Education	228 42
" Synodical Treasury	114 82
" General Synod Treasury	18 66
" Orphans' Home	18 35
Balance on hand	328 93
	$2128 98

The Synodical apportionment and amounts contributed during the four years that I have acted as your Treasurer are as follows:

During my 1st year, apportioned $612.74; raised $620.91.

During my 2d year, apportioned $1037.61; raised $1153.15.

During my 3d year, apportioned $1095.00; raised $1163.48.

During my 4th year, apportioned $1332.00; raised $2090.07.

Certainly there is nothing to discourage in this showing, but a favorable augury for the future. Our contributions as a Synod are more than three times what they were four years ago. True, we have had a "special appeal" to stimulate our benevolence this year; but are we not all glad for this evidence of advancement in this department of our work? And are we the *poorer* for this increase in our contributions? Nay, verily, brethren! Then let us not "weary in well-doing."

Respectfully submitted, J. E. TRESSLER, *Treasurer.*

Report of Apportionment Committee.

Your Committee have to report that they find:

Total number of members	1690
Amount apportioned, Synodical Treasury	$169 00
" " General Synod Treasury	33 80
" " Home Missions	288 17
" " Foreign Missions	288 17
" " Church Extension	288 17
" " Beneficiary Education	288 17
" " Orphans' Home	84 50
" " Pastors' Fund	84 50
Total amount apportioned	$1524 48

Amount per member, about 90 cents.

Respectfully submitted, W. C. SEIDEL,
J. G. GRAICHEN,
GEO. B. M. FREE.

Sermons and Addresses.

Tuesday Evening—Annual Synodical Sermon, Rev. M. F. Troxell.

Wednesday Evening—Sermon by Rev. P. A. Heilman; subject, "The Man Christ Jesus." An address by Rev. S. B. Barnitz.

Thursday Evening—Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society An-

niversary, conducted by their President, Mrs. J. Schauer. Essays by Mrs. Dewees, Mrs. W. M. Sparr, and poem by Miss Anna Weber. Address by Rev. P. A. Heilman.

Friday Evening—Home Missions, Rev. T. F. Dornblaser. Church Extension, Rev. J. N. Lenker.

Saturday, 4 p. m.—Preparatory Sermon, Rev. A. B. Kirtland.

Saturday, 7:30 p. m.—Foreign Missions, Rev. H. B. Belmer.

Sunday, 10 a. m.—Sunday-school, brief addresses by Revs. J. E. Maurer, H. L. Yarger, B. F. Hills, J. G. Graichen, and M. F. Troxell.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—Lutheran Church—Communion Sermon, Rev. W. M. Sparr.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—Methodist Church—Rev. Geo. D. Gotwald.

Sunday, 3 p. m.—Temperance Meeting; Lutheran Church—Addresses by Revs. J. B. McAfee, Geo. S. Diven, and J. M. Cromer. Methodist Church—Revs. A. M. Geiger, D. Scholl, and T. F. Dornblaser.

Sunday, 7:30 p. m.—Methodist Church—Rev. W. C. Seidel.

Sunday, 7:30 p. m.—Lutheran Church—Ordination Sermon, Rev. I. J. Delo.

J. A. LOWE,
J. M. CROMER,
F. D. ALTMAN.

Apportionment Table.

PASTORATES.	PASTORS.	Members.	Synodical Treasury.	Gen. Syn. Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Benefici'ry Education.	Orphans' Home.	Pastors' Fund.	Totals.
Abilene	. . . . .	162	$16 20	$3 24	$27 54	$27 54	$27 54	$27 54	$8 10	$8 10	$145 80
Atchison	Rev. Geo. S. Diven	60	6 00	1 20	10 20	10 20	10 20	10 20	3 00	3 00	54 00
Annelly	" H. Acker	18	1 80	36	3 06	3 06	3 06	3 06	90	90	16 20
Banner City	" B. F. Hills.	17	1 70	34	2 90	2 90	2 90	2 90	85	85	15 34
Bunker Hill	" J. Schauer	61	6 10	1 22	10 37	10 37	10 37	10 37	3 05	3 05	54 90
Chapman	" N. A. Whitman	105	10 50	2 10	17 85	17 85	17 85	17 85	5 25	5 25	94 50
Denver, Col.	" P. A. Heilman	27	2 70	54	4 60	4 60	4 60	4 60	1 35	1 35	24 34
East Norway	" Chas. Martin, M. D.	63	6 30	1 26	10 71	10 71	10 71	10 71	3 15	3 15	56 70
Ellsworth	" H. L. Yarger	21	2 10	42	3 57	3 57	3 57	3 57	1 05	1 05	18 90
Emporia	" F. D. Altman	49	4 90	98	8 33	8 33	8 33	8 33	2 45	2 45	44 10
Eureka	" W. M. Sparr	70	7 00	1 40	11 90	11 90	11 90	11 90	3 50	3 50	63 00
Greenleaf.	" M. F. Rinker	36	3 60	72	6 12	6 12	6 12	6 12	1 80	1 80	32 40
Hardy, Neb.	" J. E. Maurer	47	4 70	94	7 90	7 90	7 90	7 90	2 35	2 35	41 94
Hays City	" J. G. Graichen	15	1 50	30	2 55	2 55	2 55	2 55	75	75	13 50
Kansas City (First)	" J. M. Cromer	114	11 40	2 28	19 38	19 38	19 38	19 38	5 70	5 70	102 60
Kansas City (Mem.)	" M. F. Troxell	38	3 80	76	6 46	6 46	6 46	6 46	1 90	1 90	34 20
Lawrence	" I. J. Delo	56	5 60	1 12	9 52	9 52	9 52	9 52	2 80	2 80	50 40
Minneapolis	" W. C. Seidel	61	6 10	1 22	10 37	10 37	10 37	10 37	3 05	3 05	54 90
New Cambria	" A. B. Kirtland	105	10 50	2 10	17 85	17 85	17 85	17 85	5 25	5 25	94 50
Ottawa	. . . . .	33	3 30	66	5 95	5 95	5 95	5 95	1 65	1 65	31 06
Peabody	Rev. H. B. Belmer	70	7 00	1 40	11 90	11 90	11 90	11 90	3 50	3 50	63 00
Sabatha.	" E. S. Rees	20	2 00	40	3 40	3 40	3 40	3 40	1 00	1 00	18 00
Salina	" Geo. D. Gotwald	186	18 60	3 72	31 62	31 62	31 62	31 62	9 30	9 30	167 40
Topeka	" T. F. Dornblaser	119	11 90	2 38	20 23	20 23	20 23	20 23	5 95	5 95	107 10
Valley Falls	" A. M. Geiger	44	4 40	88	7 48	7 48	7 48	7 48	2 20	2 20	39 60
Vineland	" D. Scholl	32	3 20	64	6 04	6 04	6 04	6 04	1 60	1 60	31 20
Waterville	" J. A. Lowe	61	6 10	1 22	10 37	10 37	10 37	10 37	3 05	3 05	54 90
		1690	$169 00	$33 80	$288 17	$288 17	$288 17	$288 17	$84 50	$84 50	$1524 48

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. SEIDEL, J. G. GRAICHEN.

PAROCHIAL

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Churches.	Stations.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Excommunication and all others.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Local Expenses for All Objects.
		PAROCHIAL.													
Chas. Martin, M. D., St. Joseph, Mo.	East Norway	1	.	3	1	. .	1	.	3	4	.	63	$3000 00	. . . .	$250 00
D. S. Altman, Ottawa	Ottawa	.	1	1	.	. .	1	.	.	.	.	.	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
J. Schauer, Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill	1	.	1	.	. .	. .	5	. .	11	.	61	3000 00	$509 00	756 00
Geo. A. Bowers, D. D., Abilene	Trinity	1	.	3	4	. .	10	3	20	15	1	169	. . . .	. . . .	1700 00
H. Acker, Annelly	Zion	1	.	1	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	.	18	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
I. J. Delo, Lawrence	Lawrence	1	.	3	10	. .	10	1	22	. .	1	56	4000 00	1500 00	835 00
B. F. Hills, Banner City	Mt. Zion	1	.	1	6	. .	4	4	. .	4	.	17	. . . .	. . . .	240 00
A. M. Geiger, Valley Falls	St. Paul's	1	1	3	2	. .	9	1	2	2	.	44	4000 00	. . . .	4500 00
H. B. Belmer, Peabody	St. Paul's	1	.	.	2	10	5	4	14	7	.	70	6000 00	. . . .	1257 [illegible]
T. F. Dornblaser, Topeka	Topeka	1	.	1	10	8	7	3	7	5	19	119	20000 00	1500 00	1340 00
E. S. Rees, Sabetha	Zion's	1	3	.	.	. .	2	.	. .	3	.	20	. . . .	. . . .	250 00
W. C. Seidel, Minneapolis	Minneapolis	2	1	1	2	. .	15	.	12	2	.	61	3700 00	300 00	911 [illegible]
D. Scholl, Wellsville	Vineland	1	.	.	.	. .	1	.	. .	2	.	32	1500 00	900 00	125 00
P. A. Heilman, Denver, Col.	Denver	1	.	2	.	5	6	1	5	6	.	27	20000 00	7500 00	1950 00
J. A. Lowe, Waterville	Waterville	2	.	1	2	3	6	6	6	9	2	61	2500 00	100 00	600 00
J. M. Cromer, Kansas City, Mo	1st English Lutheran Church	1	.	2	2	1	8	.	5	6	.	114	24315 00	. . . .	2000 00
Geo. S. Diven, Atchison	Atchison	1	.	1	2	14	10	1	4	. .	28	60	. . . .	. . . .	1300 00
J. E. Maurer, Hardy, Neb	Union Ev. Lutheran	1	2	2	.	. .	4	8	5	4	.	47	2700 00	. . . .	939 [illegible]
M. F. Troxell, Kansas City, Mo	Children's Memorial	1	.	.	1	. .	3	.	2	13	.	38	20000 00	1000 00	2367 [illegible]
F. D. Altman, Emporia	St. Mark's	1	.	.	6	. .	6	3	2	13	11	49	1600 00	. . . .	2255 00
N. A. Whitman, Chapman	Ebenezer and Zion	2	1	.	1	. .	4	1	2	37	.	105	2500 00	150 00	600 00
G. D. Gotwald, Salina	St. John's	1	1	.	3	11	18	1	22	20	12	186	18000 00	. . . .	1709 00
M. F. Rinker, Greenleaf	Greenleaf and Barnes*	2	.	.	2	. .	5	.	. .	5	.	36	7500 00	418 00	131 00
W. M. Sparr, Eureka	Eureka	1	.	1	3	. .	3	1	1	11	.	70	5000 00	300 00	1118 [illegible]
J. G. Graichen, Hayes City	Hayes City†	1	1	.	.	. .	7	.	1	2	1	15	5000 00	500 00	737 [illegible]
H. L. Yarger, Ellsworth	Ellsworth	1	3	.	.	. .	3	.	1	5	15	21	100 00	. . . .	754 00
A. B. Kirtland, New Cambria	New Cambria and St. Paul's	2	.	.	2	2	8	2	3	4	.	105	6000 00	1000 00	800 00
	Ellsworth (old congregation)	1	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
	Ottawa	1	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	1	. .	.	36	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
	Morrill	1	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	.	45	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
J. A. Bright, Abilene	. . . . .	.	1	.	.	. .	2	3	. .	. .	.	. .	. . . .	. . . .	120 00
L. C. Groseclose, Eureka	. . . . .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
A. J. Hartsock, McPherson	. . . . .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
R. F. Hassinger, Beaver Springs, Pa	. . . . .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
P. S. Nellis, Dexter	. . . . .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
H. A. Koogle, Cedar Vale	. . . . .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	.	. .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Total	. . . . .	34	15	27	61	54	158	48	130	190	00	1738	$150125 00	14077 00	20190 [illegible]

* Includes $25 from Dr. Martin for education of boy in India.

† Includes $50 for education of pupils in India.

REPORT.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.						BENEVOLENCE.															
Lutherans.	Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	Members of Children's Missionary Society.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Miss. Soc.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
1	.	7	50	. . . .	. .	$1 10	$4 32	$40 00	*$45 25	$10 80	$10 80	$50 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	$162 27	$48 60	$112 27	$61 67	
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1	.	12	100	$18 00	.	90	3 60	19 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	17 00	. . .	. . .	27 00	94 50	40 50	50 50	10 00	
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1	.	12	132	60 75	. .	1 00	3 00	20 00	10 00	15 00	8 00	27 45	2 00	2 00	. . .	88 45	23 40	57 00	33 60	
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

KANSAS SYNOD,

HELD IN

WATERVILLE, KANSAS, OCTOBER 14-16, 1886.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The first session of the Sixth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Kansas Synod met in the Baptist church of Waterville, at 9:30 a. m., October 14, 1886.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. J. E. Herbst.

The President, Mrs. M. J. Schauer, formally opened the convention with responsive scripture readings and chanting the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. F. D. Altman, Secretary, being absent, the President appointed Mrs. L. L. Belmer secretary *pro tem.*

On calling the roll, sixteen Societies out of twenty were represented by delegates with proper credentials.

The Secretary read the Constitution, giving an opportunity for membership.

The payment of Synodical assessment followed.

Mrs. J. A. Lowe delivered the address of welcome.

Mrs. J. E. Herbst responded in well-chosen words.

The convention then arose and sang, "Blest be the tie that binds."

The President appointed the following committees:

No. 1. *On Nominations*—Mrs. J. M. Cromer, Mrs. M. B. Sparr, Mrs. Delo, Miss Anna Weber, Mrs. Dewees, Miss E. L. Bitler.

No. 2. *On Resolutions*—Mrs. O. J. Peters, Mrs. L. L. Belmer, Mrs. J. B. Waltemeyer, Mrs. J. W. Knight, Mrs. M. B. Sparr.

No. 3. *On Letters and Papers*—Mrs. J. E. Herbst, Mrs. J. E. Maurer, Mrs. G. Scherer, Mrs. W. C. Seidel, Mrs. J. A. Bright.

No. 4. *Auditing Committee*—Mrs. J. W. Knight, Miss Della Berlin, Mrs. J. A. Bright, Mrs. Rinker, Mrs. Yarger.

Remarks were made by delegates present, and proved interesting and encouraging.

The President appointed Mrs. O. J. Peters to report to Waterville papers, Mrs. J. E. Herbst to *Lutheran Observer*, Mrs. L. L. Belmer to *Lutheran Evangelist*.

The hours fixed for holding sessions were as follows: from 9 to 11:30 a. m., from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m.

Closed with singing and prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. M. B. Sparr.

On motion, greetings were sent to Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of Nebraska Synod, now in session at Waverly, Neb.

The Kansas Synod, now holding its meetings in the Lutheran church of Waterville, sent an invitation, asking the Woman's Convention to repair to their place of meeting, for holding our afternoon session. The invitation was accepted, and we proceeded to the church in a body, and were received by the President of Synod, Rev. J. M. Cromer, in a few remarks, to which our worthy President, Mrs. Schauer, responded.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The President then read her annual address, which proved very interesting.

On motion it was received and placed in hands of proper committee.

Letters were received and read from Mrs. J. S. Detweiler, President of General Synodical Society, Miss Mary Hay Morris, Corresponding Secretary of General Society, and Mrs. William Scholl, of New York.

These letters were recognized by the Convention rising.

Mrs. Rev. Green, of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the Convention, after which the congregation united in singing, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Mrs. L. L. Belmer read a paper on "Our Opportunities and Responsibilities."

After singing the missionary hymn, Mrs. J. B. Waltemeyer ably conducted the monthly lesson for October, in *Missionary Journal*, Mrs. Herbst reading the essay on South America.

On motion, meeting adjourned with repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The report of Mrs. O. J. Peters, Corresponding Secretary, was then read and proved most encouraging; showing a gain of five auxiliaries, a large increase of *Missionary Journals* taken, and large growth in liberality.

The report was as follows:

Report of Corresponding Secretary for Year Ending October 1, 1886.

AUXILIARIES.	Organized	Members. Active	Members. Honorary	Members. Life	No. of Missionary Journals	General Fund	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Denver	San Francisco	India Hospital	Total Contributions
Abilene	1881	41	2		20	$5 00	$5 00		$11 75	$8 00	$30 00	$59 75
Atchison	1884	10		1	10	21 00						21 00
Barnes	1886	12	3		12		3 00					3 00
Bunker Hill	1886	22	3	1	13				7 00			7 00
Denver	1885	20	1		25							
East Norway	1881	17			14						50 00	50 00
Emporia	1885	14	2		21	3 70	3 25		13 50		5 00	25 45
Eureka	1882	33	8		22							
Greenleaf	1882	7	1		12			$2 00				2 00
Kansas City, 1st Church	1884	30	8	1	13	10 00	10 00			15 00	12 00	47 00
Kansas City, Memorial	1884	18	7		10	10 00						10 00
Hardy	1886	9			14							
Lawrence	1885	14		5								
Minneapolis	1886											
Ottawa	1885	14			25						4 50	4 50
Peabody	1885	21	11		34	5 00				11 00	27 15	43 15
Pleasant Hill	1879	10	5		13	14 50	5 00	5 00				24 50
Salina	1882	22	3		24			10 00	22 50		25 00	57 50
Topeka	1881	20	7	2			5 00	5 00				10 00
Waterville	1884	20	2		8	9 20						9 20
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The report of Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Herbst, was read and received. The following is the report of Treasurer of the W. H. and F. M. Society of Kansas Synod, for the year ending October 1st, 1886.

Treasurer's Report.

Received From	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	General Fund.	Lincoln Mission.	Denver Mission.	S. Francisco Mission.	India Hospital.	African Mission.	Total.
Former Treasurer	$4 05									$4 05
Abilene	1 00	$5 00		$5 00		$11 75	$8 00	$30 00		60 75
Atchison	1 00	4 00	$18 60			4 50				28 10
Bunker Hill								7 00		7 00
Denver	1 00									1 00
East Norway								50 00		50 00
Emporia	1 00	3 25		3 70		15 50		5 00		28 45
Eureka	1 00	10 00								11 00
Greenleaf	1 00					2 00			2 00	5 00
Gypsum Creek	1 09									1 00
Kansas City, 1st church	1 00			10 00	10 00	15 75	15 00	12 00		63 75
Kansas City, Memorial	1 00			7 50						8 50
Minneapolis	7 00					5 00				12 00
Ottawa	1 00					4 43		4 00		9 43
Peabody	1 00			5 00			11 00	27 15		44 15
Pleasant Hill	1 00	7 25	5 00	14 50						27 75
Salina	1 00		10 00			22 50		25 00		58 50
Topeka	1 00	5 00	5 00			2 50				13 50
Waterville	1 00			17 50		6 00				24 50
Honorary Membership	4 00									4 00
Synod Collection, Peabody						35 25				35 25
	$30 05	$34 50	$38 60	$63 20	$10 00	$125 18	$34 00	$160 65	$2 00	$498 18
Disbursements	28 75	34 50	38 60	63 20	10 00	125 18	34 00	160 65	2 00	496 88
Balance in Treasury	$1 30									$1 30

THURSDAY EVENING.

The anniversary of Society was held in the Lutheran church. A full house greeted the Society.

Devotional exercises led by Miss E. L. Bitler.

The President, Mrs. M. J. Schauer, led in responsive scripture reading and chanting the Lord's Prayer.

A paper, "Why do I Work for Missions?" was read by Mrs. Dewees.

Another, equally interesting and instructive, on "Missions, Past, Present, and the Outlook for the Future," by Mrs. M. B. Sparr.

Rev. J. A. Bright and wife touchingly sang a piece of music entitled "A Model Church."

Miss Anna Weber read a most beautiful poem, "All for God."

Singing, "Waft, Waft, Ye Winds, the Story."

Rev. P. A. Heilman, the woman's missionary from Denver, made a short address, giving us words of cheer and encouragement.

A collection was lifted, which amounted to $23.70.

After singing, "Blest be the tie that binds," and prayer-meeting, adjourned to convene in Baptist church, Friday morning, at 9 a. m.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. J. B. Waltemeyer.

Rev. Lenker gave the Convention an address on his work, Church Extension, etc.

Words of cheer from delegates and plans of work were then talked over.

The question was discussed, "How shall we elect our officers —by informal ballot, or appointing nominating committees?"

On vote, it was decided to continue nominating committees.

After singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee," the meeting closed with prayer by the President.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. M. Cromer.

The President opened regularly.

Miss E. L. Bitler read a paper, "Our Work."

Mrs. Minnie Moore, "Never Grow Weary in Doing Well."

Report of Committee on Nominations.

President—Mrs. O. J. Peters, Abilene, Kan.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. M. J. Schauer, Bunker Hill; Mrs. M. J. Knight, Kansas City, 1st Church.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. L. L. Belmer, Peabody, Kan.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. M. Cromer, Kansas City, 1st Church.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Herbst, Abilene, Kan.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. B. SPARR,
MRS. M. DELO,
MISS ANNA WEBER,
MRS. DEWEES,
MISS. E. L. BITLER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, It is with thanks to Almighty God that we express the gratitude of our hearts for the progress and increased interest manifested in the great work of the Master, urging our societies to renewed labor.

2. *Resolved*, That we renew our efforts in behalf of the *Missionary Journal*, and endeavor, if possible, to put a copy into every family.

3. *Resolved*, That we endeavor to organize an Auxiliary and Children's Band in every congregation in Kansas Synod. We ask the hearty co-operation of the pastors and Sabbath-school superintendents, that a missionary spirit may thus be cultivated.

4. *Resolved*, That we express our thanks to the officers for their most excellent reports, and try, as far as possible, to follow the suggestions of our worthy President.

5. *Resolved*, That this Society recognize the temperance work as one branch of its Home Mission. That it commend the cause to the women of the church, throughout the State, urging them to use all the means God gives them, but more especially prayer. That we pledge ourselves to the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union," in securing educational and temperance laws.

6. *Resolved*, That we express our thanks to the pastor and members of his congregation and citizens of Waterville, for the kind and hospitable entertainment of delegates and visitors; and to the Baptist congregation for the

use of their house of worship, to Mr. Sprowl for the use of his organ, and to Mrs. Yarger for her valuable assistance at the same.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. J. PETERS,
MRS. L. L. BELMER,
MRS. J. B. WALTEMEYER,
MRS. M. B. SPARR.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee find the credentials of the delegates to this Convention all genuine and correct. We commend to the appreciation of this Convention the friendly letters read in their hearing. We are happy to hear the good report of our President, and endorse all the recommendations therein contained.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. HERBST,
B. M. BRIGHT,
A. H. MAURER,
W. C. SEIDEL,
C. SCHERER.

Report adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The Committee appointed to examine the Corresponding Secretary's report and audit the Treasurer's statement, respectfully report that they have carefully examined them, and find the former full, concise and complete, and the latter correct.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. KNIGHT,
MRS. BRIGHT,
MRS. YARGER,
MRS. RINKER,
MISS BERLIN.

Report received and adopted.

On motion, it was decided that Treasurers and Secretaries of Auxiliaries send their quarterly reports not later than the 20th of December, March, June and September.

Mrs. J. B. Waltemeyer was elected delegate to General Convention, to be held in Wooster, Ohio; Mrs. L. L. Belmer, alternate.

Mrs. O. J. Peters read a historical sketch of Kansas Synodical Missionary Society, from its beginning.

On motion, it was decided to hold a session on Saturday.

Adjourned with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional meeting led by Mrs. O. J. Peters.

Our President opened the regular meeting with prayer.

Mrs. J. M. Cromer read a paper on "Little Things."

On motion, it was decided to send $25.00 to Emporia, this sum including the collection of Thursday evening.

Bills to the amount of $15.90 were ordered to be paid, after which there remained in Treasury $18.90, subject to an order from the Executive Committee.

The offer of Synod to print our Minutes in connection with their own was accepted.

On motion, it was decided to assess each member of our Auxiliaries 10 cents to pay the expenses of the delegates to the General Convention—all money collected over and above expenses to be put into "contingent fund" of Synodical Society.

On motion, the minutes were adopted as a whole, and the Secretary authorized to prepare an abstract for publication.

Space will not permit abstracts of the papers read, but all were well written.

The meetings were all well attended, and the people of Waterville kind and hospitable.

The time spent among them was pleasant and profitable.

The next meeting will be held at Abilene, in connection with Synod.

The exercises closed with singing "When shall we meet again?" and chanting the Lord's Prayer.

MRS. L. L. BELMER,
Secretary pro tem.

Enrollment.

Abilene:	Mrs. J. E. Herbst.
	Mrs. O. J. Peters.
	Mrs. G. Scherer.
	Mrs. J. A. Bright.
Atchison:	Mrs. J. B. Waltemeyer.
	Miss Della Berlin.
Bunker Hill:	Mrs. M. J. Schauer.
	Miss Clara E. Schauer.
Barnes:	Mrs. J. T. Kendell.
Blue Rapids:	Mrs. Minnie Moore.
Eureka:	Mrs. M. B. Sparr.
	Mrs. M. Smith.
Ellsworth:	Mrs. H. L. Yarger.
Greenleaf:	Mrs. M. Hockett.
	Mrs. M. F. Rinker.
	Mrs. Hanen.
Hardy:	Mrs. A. H. Maurer.
Kansas City (1st Church):	Mrs. J. M. Cromer.
	Mrs. J. W. Knight.
Kansas City (Memorial):	Miss Anna M. Weber.
Lawrence:	Mrs. I. J. Delo.
Minneapolis:	Mrs. W. C. Seidel.
Pleasant Hill:	Mrs. S. J. Kistler.
Peabody:	Miss L. L. Belmer.
Salina:	Mrs. Dewees.
Topeka:	Miss E. L. Bitler.
Waterville:	Mrs. F. R. Scherer.
	Mrs. J. A. Lowe.
	Mrs. Wm. Spohn.

MRS. L. L. BELMER, *Secretary pro tem.*

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